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SUBJECT: PANAMA'S NATIONAL GUARD TO PROTECT GUERRILLAS

1. THE LEFTIST GUERRILLAS WHO ARRIVED IN PANAMA OCTOBER 9 WILL, ACCORDING TO LT. COL. NORIEGA THE NATIONAL GUARD (GN) G-2 CHIEF, REMAIN UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE GN UNTIL THEY DECIDE WHAT THEY WANT TO DO. THEY ARE STAYING IN GN'S CLINIC.
2. THE GUERRILLAS, IN STATEMENTS TO PRESS, HAVE CLAIMED VICTORY OVER BALAGUER. THEIR LEADER, RADAMES MENDEZ VARGAS, READ A STATEMENT UPON ARRIVAL SAYING "A WAR IS NOT LOST WITH ONE BATTLE. THERE WILL BE OTHER ACTIONS AGAINST THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT.....THE COMMUNISTS TURNED THEIR BACKS" ON US AND THE GOVERNMENT TRIED TO LOWER OUR MORAL POSITION.
3. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS NOT BEEN TIME FOR EXPRESSION OF PUBLIC REACTION, RADIO COMMENTATOR RAMON PEREIRA OF RADIO MIA BROADCAST HIS UNEASE OVER THEIR PRESENCE IN PANAMA. HE ARGUED THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN IN PANAMANIAN EMBASSY AND THEREFORE PANAMA HAD NO RESPONSIBILITY. THEY HAD COMMITTED A CRIME, HE SAID, AND SHOULD NOT BE PATTED ON THE BACK. PANAMA HAD "PANAMANIAN ASYLEES" WITHIN ITS

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TERRITORY, I.E. , UNEMPLOYED PANAMANIAN, YET THESE EXILES

"WILL LIVE AND WORK COMFORTABLY" HERE. PEREIRA THEN ASKED  
WHY THE US "WHICH HAD INTERVENED IN THIS MATTER DID NOT  
RECEIVE THEM."  
JORDEN

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